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**(Case No. 99,297)**

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	)	Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: November 5, 2001	)	
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For: Covalent Conjugates of Biologically-Active	)	Confirmation No.:
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Amino Acid Derivatives for Targeting to	)	
Physiologically-Protected Sites	)	

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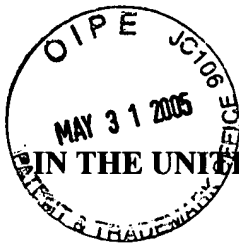
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED FEBRUARY 24, 2005**

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2005. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

**Status of the claims**

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 18 have been examined in this application. Claims 12-17 and 20-33 have been cancelled as a result of a previous restriction requirement, and claims 2, 6, 10, 11 and 19 cancelled previously. Claim 18 is cancelled in this response without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications.